

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

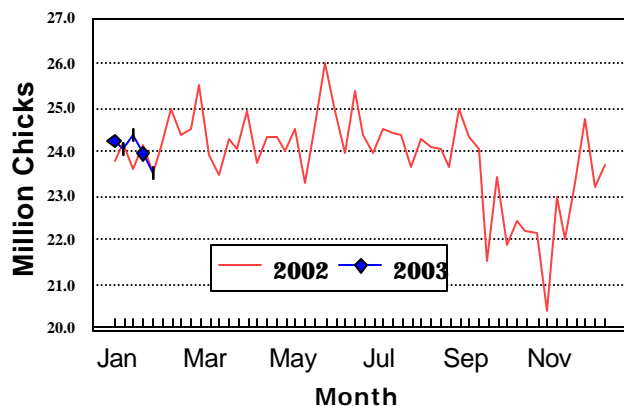
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.5 million during the week ending February 1, 2003. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2002, and down 2 percent from the previous week, and included 1.70 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through February 1, 2003 were 120.2 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.3 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

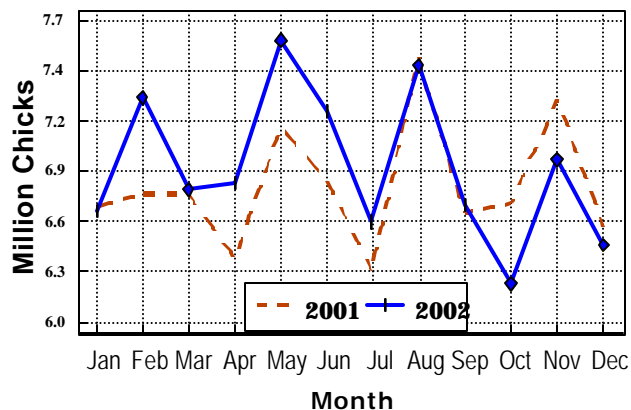
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 1, 2003, down 1 percent from the same period last year, and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.5 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2002, down 2 percent from December 2001.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2002 - 2003**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2001-2002	2002-2003	
	1,000		
Dec.	23,849	23,721	99
Jan.	23,827	24,244	102
Jan.	24,183	24,081	100
Jan.	23,617	24,397	103
Jan.	24,158	23,950	99
Feb.	23,546	23,524	100

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2001	2002	
	1,000		
Jul.	6,326	6,602	104
Aug.	7,494	7,449	99
Sep.	6,647	6,691	101
Oct.	6,704	6,265	93
Nov.	7,261	6,938	96
Dec.	6,577	6,475	98

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002-2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	11-Jan	18-Jan	25-Jan	01-Feb		28-Dec	04-Jan	11-Jan	18-Jan	25-Jan	01-Feb	
Alabama	28,096 *	27,516	27,573	27,755	95	21,517	21,322	21,069	20,995	21,608	21,231	98
ARKANSAS	30,485 *	31,023	31,087	30,468	99	23,721	24,244	24,081	24,397	23,950	23,524	100
Delaware	3,379	3,582	3,418	3,607	101	4,454	4,908	5,324	5,317	4,775 *	5,018	110
Florida	1,572	1,555	1,581	1,587	67	1,607	1,557	1,502	1,555	1,689 *	1,754	81
Georgia	31,024 *	30,888	31,330	31,175	100	24,543	24,577	24,206 *	24,952 *	24,948 *	25,069	99
Kentucky	6,517	6,336	6,403 *	6,464	98	5,314	5,180	5,392	5,092	5,153 *	5,424	96
Maryland	9,964	9,669	9,883 *	9,935	98	6,383	6,078	5,566	5,583	6,493 *	6,274	107
Mississippi	18,815 *	18,829	19,241	18,885	100	15,161	15,540	15,285	15,873	15,937	15,968	102
N. Carolina	18,632 *	18,697	18,099	18,167	93	13,978	14,491	14,309	14,091	14,290 *	14,262	103
Oklahoma	6,420	6,408	6,596	6,554	100	4,388	4,491	4,218	4,066	4,289	5,623	111
Pennsylvania	3,272	3,543 *	3,392 *	3,650	106	2,525	2,574	2,516	2,576 *	2,555 *	2,487	97
S. Carolina	4,756	4,792	4,823	4,946	105	3,939	4,105	3,589	4,341	4,100	4,209	108
Texas	14,709	14,485	14,785	14,705	97	11,729	11,914	11,636	11,769	12,192	12,275	105
Virginia	6,357	6,387	6,629	6,515	98	5,444	5,337	5,161	5,214	5,007 *	5,287	97
CAL,MO,IN,WV	19,370	19,311 *	19,927	19,567	98	17,621 *	18,094	18,324	17,925 *	19,177 *	17,851	103
Total 2002-2003	203,368 *	203,021 *	204,767 *	203,980		162,324 *	164,412	162,178 *	163,746 *	166,163 *	166,256	
Total 2001-2002	204,606	205,220	206,876	208,754		166,034	169,020	168,883	168,359	167,400	164,318	
% Prev. Year	99	99	99	98		98	97	96	97	99	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						15-Feb	22-Feb	01-Mar	08-Mar	15-Mar	22-Mar	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 204 million eggs during the week ending February 1, 2003. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 1, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through February 1, 2003 were 823 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.